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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES STATE AMERICORPS MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley announced today that AmeriCorps members across the state will host and participate in service projects in observance of National Volunteer Week, April 17-23. Members will conduct food drives, collect donations for the Red Cross, assist nonprofits with special events, including a 5K race and the Special Olympics, and build homes for low-income families.

"AmeriCorps members spend at least a year of their lives strengthening and improving their communities," Easley said. "During National Volunteer Week, we should recognize and thank these members for going above and beyond the call of duty in their service to our state."

Following are projects AmeriCorps members will complete during National Volunteer Week:

Sallie B. Howard School, AmeriCorps Cares (Wilson)

Members will remove litter from a portion of highway adopted as a part of the N.C. Adopt-A-Highway Program. Cleanup will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, April 23 on U.S. 264 (Martin Luther King Highway) at SR 1688 to the bridge at U.S. 264 in Wilson. For more information, please contact Linda Coley at 252-293-4150, ext. 230.

Black Child Development, Spirit of Excellence (Greensboro)

Members will assist a Habitat for Humanity crew in building and/or painting homes for low-income families and/or work in the Habitat ReStore. For more information, please contact Stephanie Willis at 336-230-2138.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, ACCESS (Greensboro)

Members with join the Southeast Asian community in their New Year celebration and provide cleanup assistance after the celebration. The event will be held 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday, April 18. The center is located at 2715 Liberty Road, Greensboro. For more information, contact Khouan Maoxomphu at 336-601-5944.

East Carolina School of Education, Project HEART (Greenville)

Members will sponsor Operation Inspiration at Belvoir Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 22. Members will host a day of activities for Belvoir 4th and 5th graders and Project HEART students from Stokes Elementary School. Events will include career information booths sponsored by members of the community and the military, a pull-up/push-up challenge, and service projects including grounds clean-up and beautification, letter-writing to troops overseas and Earth Day awareness activities. Belvoir Elementary School is located at

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